

THE CITY OF CONVENTIONS.

The National Convention of Phyllis Wheatley Association—Many Prominent Women in Attendance—The Congress of Women—The Convention of the Education of Negro Youths—The Great Storm—The Social Elect of Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special—The Pan-American Exposition has been the means of bringing many great conventions to Buffalo, in these different conventions many prominent people have participated. The National Association of the Phyllis Wheatley Clubs



MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL.

met at the Michigan Street Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. The president of the Buffalo Phyllis Wheatley Club made the welcome address. She welcomed the women and all present in a becoming way and was glad that Buffalo had the honor of being the place for the conventions session. She assured those present that everything had been done to make it pleasant for those who were in attendance, and that the club of Buffalo was sorry that many were absent from the national meeting.

After the welcome address had been delivered, Rev. J. E. Nash, the pastor in charge of the Michigan Street Baptist church, spoke a few words of encouragement concerning the Phyllis Wheatley Club. He commended the great work that is being done by the women of America, he said, "that the clubs stood for the elevation of the people, be they of whatever color, race or creed, especially for the higher development of our young women, because they need to be trained in all the callings of this life. We need more clean, trustworthy and God-fearing women, just as these women, Phyllis Wheatleys." The choir sang "Bringing in the Sheaves," every one present joined and sang this sweet hymn. The choir rendered several well prepared pieces



MRS. B. K. BRUCE

of music. Too much credit cannot be given the Michigan Street Baptist church choir. Miss Leggett sang "Our Souls Food." She was in fine voice and sang as though she was a master in the musical world.

Prayer was then offered by the pastor, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C., welcomed the men to the convention in a way which she has always been noted for, she was brief and pointed, to suit the occasion. She was glad to see so many of the fathers present and the young men.

R. W. Taylor of Tuskegee Institute followed Mrs. Terrell in a brief, but fitting talk for the occasion. He impressed upon his hearers the object and good work of the Phyllis Wheatley Clubs. The speakers showed clearly that his heart and soul had been washed in the humanity-saving blood of this great society. The speaker commended the organization upon having served, as one of its first duties to man.

Mrs. Coleman of Atlanta, Ga., the speaker for the occasion, with a clear and distinct voice read from her manuscript. The paper which she had prepared for the convention, "Life in the Southland." Mrs. Coleman pleaded for the assistance of all those interested in the upbuilding of a great people, she pointed out the great business of the South and showed the bright and enterprising work among the Christian workers of the South, she urged, that we need to be independent in many ways in all parts of the country. From Mrs. Coleman's report the southern clubs are in a prosperous condition. She said, "while we women are marching side by side let us not forget the great burden that has recently been thrust upon our southern Negro men. Let us aid them in all their struggles, especially in their test of the constitution concerning their rights."

As the meeting grew older the speakers increased in spirit and enthusiasm, Mrs. B. K. Bruce will know to fame added to the occasion by making a short, logical speech in support of what had been said by the previous speakers. The speakers were so interesting that during the whole exercises not a person left the church. It was so crowded many could not get inside the door.

Mrs. Rosetta Lawson of Washington, D. C., was not on the program but she was urged upon to say a few words. She made a good talk it being impromptu, it fitted as though it had been prepared for the occasion. Among other things she said that while the women from the different parts of the country had been telling of the great work, she



MRS. ROSETTA E. LAWSON.

thought that they included Washington. Mrs. Lawson deeply impressed those present that she had always been a loyal member of the Phyllis Wheatley Club. Collection was raised and the Convention closed by singing "God be With You Till we Meet Again."

The Buffalo Phyllis Wheatley Club gave a banquet Monday night for the visiting members. Buffalo's four hundred turned out to welcome them. Those who are in attendance will visit the Exposition and Niagara Falls before returning home. A great many of the ladies are stopping with Mrs. Wm. Tolbert on Michigan street.

The next Convention of women will be the Congress of Negro Women which will be largely attended; it will be in this month.

The Convention of the Educators of Colored Youths will meet in Buffalo on the fifteenth inst., many prominent men will attend; all of race leaders are expected to be here for this meeting. Mayor Deihl will make the welcome address. Dr. J. C. Ayler, attorney and counsellor at law, will respond to the welcome address. The people of Buffalo are spending a great deal of time

to make it pleasant for those who attend.

Buffalo is the coolest city in the country, therefore you will not be worried about the heat, it is much cooler here than at a great many of the summer resorts.

A terrific storm visited Buffalo last Friday night July 5th, much damage was done to incomplete buildings, a great many trees were struck by lightning, the Exposition was damaged. Everything is in running order; there were no lives lost, West Buffalo got the heaviest part of the storm, when the storm reached South Buffalo it had calmed.

The attendance at the Exposition on the Fourth of July was the largest, except on the May the twentieth, the opening day.

The Shirt-waist Ball that is to be given next week promises to be a great success, all the boys are having their waists made this week for the grand ball that will come off next week.

Mrs. Dyer and daughter and Mr. Charles Martin of Louisville, Ky., are in the city stopping with Mrs. S. B. Nidy on N. Division Street. They report a pleasant stay in the Rainbow City.

Rev. J. Kinney of Jersey City, N. J., is visiting friends in Buffalo, he is to preach in several of the churches before he departs. Miss Lizzie Russell of Pittsburgh is a welcome visitor at the "Pat-Am" this week. D. M. Miller of New York City was in the city a few days this week viewing the many sights.

St. Philips Episcopal church has been remodelled, it is a neat little structure. This church is on Elm street, excellent music, vested choir and interesting sermons; it will be a treat for all strangers to attend St. Philips before leaving town. All letters addressed to me for information concerning the Exposition should be accompanied by a two-cent stamp for a reply.

COLUMBUS WHITE.

458 N. Division, St.

Lake View Park.

The Personal Liberty League Club will celebrate its Sixth anniversary with a grand picnic and collation at Lake View Park, July, 18 h. A most interesting program has been prepared which consists of speeches by President H. C. Hawkins, Hon. George H. White and Dr. Reyburn. The music will be furnished by a quartet composed of members of the club. Many new and interesting features have been added to the program and a most pleasant day and evening will be spent at this cool and inviting retreat. First class buffet service as well as an old fashioned country dinner will be a feature under the management of Mr. J. B. Edlin. The Monumental Orchestra with Prof. Charles Hamilton leader, will furnish the music for dancing which lasts from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Card of admission 25 cents. The officers are: H. C. Hawkins, President; James Edwards, Vice-President; L. B. Wilcox, Secretary; McKenzie, Scott, Treasurer; R. R. Bowie, S-at-A.; C. C. Curtis National Organizer, J. B. Edlin Steward. Committee of Arrangements: B. McKay, Chairman; C. C. Curtis, Vice-Chairman; William Wilson, Chas. Brown, Owen Shelby, James Simpson, C. S. Curtis, W. C. Payne, Charles Edelin, L. A. Wiles, Wm. Carter Harry Washington, W. H. Bide, Charles Vessells, Ed Matthews.

Judge Matthews in Town.

Judge J. C. Matthews was in the city a few days last week, the guest of Messrs. Lucy E. and Katie Moten. Mr. Matthews looked as young and debonair as when he so capably filled the office of Recorder of Deeds under the first Cleveland administration, and retains the dignified and quiet demeanor that marked him during those well remembered days. Mr. Matthews' visit was purely a business one, relating to a legal matter in which he is interested. He intimated that he was out of politics and did not care to express an opinion upon any of the burning questions of the hour.

Help Wanted.

Do you want work? Do you want a job? If so, advertise in these columns.

Wanted an active, intelligent young man to collect for a reliable business firm. Good place for the right man. Address C, care this office.

An active, energetic young man who has some experience as collector and who can ride a bicycle, can find employment at this office if he desires to work.

Wanted Rooms.

If you have a spare room that you would like to rent to desirable parties, advertise them in The Colored American.

WANTED—Persons having rooms to rent to families, to young men or to young women, can get tenants by advertising in this column.

Three lovely furnished rooms one for man and wife, two for single gentlemen. References exchanged. Convenient to car lines. Call at 1804 Vermont ave.

Wanted a Partner.

Wanted a partner for a business already established and paying well. Must have some cash and be able to take a position on salary. Address C, care this office. (Confidential).

WANTED—A Business Partner. A man with \$500 or more will find a good opportunity for a business investment. The business is well established and the right man will be given employment in a responsible place. For particulars, address, "Business," care of this office.

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Royal Benefit Society,

Room 60 Loan and Trust Building,

Cor. 9th and F Sts. Washington, D. C.

Enclose a 2c stamp for reply, and we send particulars telling how you can make from \$75 to \$150 per month, and also be presented with a fine Gold Watch. Address

SCOTT REMEDY CO.,

Box 570, Louisville, Ky.

WANTED—Furnished room with light housekeeping privilege. Good location, northwest. Address ROOMER, care The Colored American.

SUMMER RESORTS.



WAIT FOR THE PEN AND PENCIL CLUB DINING AT

Lake View Park, Tues., July 23.

This will be the first outing ever given by this unique club and its members, whose time is largely given to paying nice things about other people, will give the public an opportunity to see what manner of men they are.

LAKEVIEW PARK is one of the coolest and most attractive parks in the vicinity of Washington and it was selected by the Pen and Pencil Club with the view of giving their friends a delightful ride to the District line before seeing and partaking of the good things to follow.

A full orchestra has been engaged for the occasion under the leadership of Prof. E. S. Hoffman. The admission price is 25 cents and tickets can be obtained of any member or at the gate at the park.

The park can be reached by the F street car line which goes to Cabin John Bridge. Get off at the District line. One fare.

Mr. Madison S. Jones, who is connected with the city government in New York, is spending his vacation in the city, the guest of his relatives and friends. He paid The Colored American a pleasant visit.